



**LET'S FLY
AWAY!**

J.T.C.

8:00 AM

What're the big shots doing here?

I guess something's up!

Some big meeting maybe.

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Hey Greg, I need you in the office.

Ok, let me shut down.

I hope I'm not in trouble.






Here's your pink slip.

What?
You've
got to be
kidding
me!

It's no joke!

Hey, I've been here 17 years.
What about all the money for
my retirement?



Forget it Greg, it's *all* gone! The
company is broke. We've *all* been
fired, we're closing down.

This is *my* pink slip. We're
all in the same boat!

The new regulations killed our jobs! It's happening all over.

What do I tell my wife?

They want us out of here in 30 minutes. So find a box for your stuff!

9:30 AM

H... Honey! What are you doing home so early?

Better get yourself another bottle, Delores. I'm about to ruin your day!

What are we going to do? We owe *everybody*! Will they take our house and our new car?



What about the braces for Julie's teeth? What have you *done* to us, Greg?

It's not *my* fault! I was about to get a raise. Then everything went from bad to worse!



Factories *everywhere* are closing! The whole country is in a mess. So *don't blame me*, Delores!

Now look honey, it's *not* the end of the world! Look at our neighbors. *Herb* lost his job, and even though the bank is taking back his house, and making him leave, *Herb* says everything is...



Greg, was that
a gunshot?



What happened?

Herb blew his brains out!

FORECLOSED
FOR
SALE

Didn't you know his wife and kids left him a month ago? He's been depressed for weeks. *Everybody* knew about it. Where have you guys been?



Never liked the guy. He was a little off.

Can I see his face?

No!

Check this out — his garage is open! Let's see if there's anything worth taking.

Why not?

Four months later

Look, Mom, new neighbors!
Wow! They've got a little girl.
I'm going outside.


Hic

Good! Just *don't*
bring her in here.
I gotta lay down.



Look at 'em smile. I *don't*
like the looks of this!


They could *really* mess
things up for me.

A black and white comic panel showing two women. On the left, a woman with long dark hair, seen from behind, is wearing a striped shirt. On the right, a woman with short curly hair, wearing a dark sleeveless top and a necklace, is smiling and waving. A speech bubble from the woman on the left says, "Hi, I'm Julie! What's your name?". A speech bubble from the woman on the right says, "I'm Karen! You wanna be friends?". A third speech bubble at the bottom, from Julie, says, "Wow! That would be great!".

Hi, I'm Julie!
What's your name?

I'm Karen! You
wanna be friends?

Wow! That would be great!

A black and white comic panel. In the foreground, a man with a mustache and a worried expression is looking at a small piece of paper he is holding. A speech bubble above him says, "I hate this! We can't make it on this little check." In the background, a sign reads "Employment Development Dept.". Behind the sign, a woman is looking out from behind vertical bars, and another woman is looking down sadly. A third person's head is visible on the right side of the frame.

I hate this! We can't make
it on this little check.

Employment
Development Dept.

Without a job, we'll
lose everything!

The nation's unemployment hits 23%

I'll try the
soup kitchen
tomorrow

I'm still hungry!
Karen's mom invited
me over. Can I go?

Shut up, Julie

They're really nice, Mom!


I said *shut up!*

Anyone
see you?

No Mrs A
—Man, this new
stuff is going
over big!

I got a different
supplier

Hey what's Julie
doing over there?



♪ When I die hallelujah,
bye and bye, I'll fly away!

Thank you, Jesus!

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Who's Jesus?

I only hear that
name when
Mom and Daddy
have a fight!

Jesus is the name of God's holy Son.

God had a Son?


Yes, and we love Him because He saved us from our sins

What's sin?

Sin is doing bad things. Everyone born is a sinner. Sin keeps us out of heaven, Julie!

Only Jesus can fix it for us and He *did!*

I don't get it!




I'll make it simple God knew
you were in danger

Yes Julie
He knew you
couldn't go
to heaven

Me?

I can't? No No! You're wrong! I'm
not a bad person I'm really nice



Julie have you ever taken
anything you're not supposed
to? And when you got caught
you said you didn't do it?

Sure
everybody
does that

That's sin! And
that's why you're
in danger

Why?

Because, in God's eyes you are a lying thief! And no liars* or thieves can go to heaven.



They go to the **other** place!

(Gulp) You're scaring me. Karen

*See Rev 21:8

Don't worry, Julie! God's Son Jesus, *knows* you're in trouble, and that's why He left His glory in heaven to come to earth.



Jesus came to your rescue!

Jesus did that?

Jesus allowed Himself to become a baby to be like us, so He could save you and me Julie



How?

Only somebody perfect could pay for our sins. And nobody's ever been perfect except *Jesus!*

When Jesus came, Satan had his minions running *everything*. Everyone in power served Satan.



They all hated Jesus back then, and the same kind of crowd hates Him today. **Nothing** has changed!

Satan is afraid of Jesus. because he knows Jesus is God Almighty.



The punishment for sin is death,
Julie.* So Jesus let Satan put
Him to death

*For the wages of sin is death Rom 6 23

Jesus was arrested, and lying
judges sentenced Him to die a
terrible death.



But first Satan had Him tortured
They were cruel They almost
beat Him to death!

Then Jesus shed His blood to pay the price for our sins!



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Then He died. But three days later He rose from the dead!"


*Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus did all that for me? (Sob)
So what does He want *me* to do?



Believe that God's Son, Jesus, died to forgive all your sins. Then ask Him to come into your heart and save you *and He will!*

Julie prayed, and Jesus forgave her, and came into her heart!



I'm so happy! Now I know why you sing!

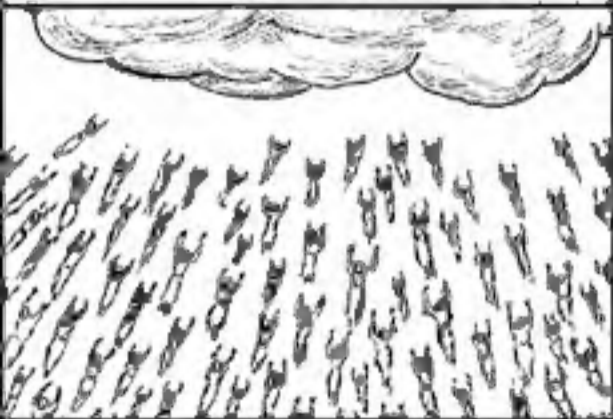
Wait till I tell you what *else* Jesus is gonna do!

He's got a wonderful surprise in store for us, that will take place one day maybe today. Julie!



Tell me tell me
Karen

Jesus is coming to get us.
He'll meet us in the clouds.*



That's why I sing "I'll Fly Away,"
because it may happen *tonight!*

*See 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18







Gone, "in the twinkling of an eye!"
(1 Corinthians 15:52)

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

